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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William H. Sullivan
Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

SUBJECT : Agency Memorandum on the Risk of a
Communist Breakoff of the Paris Talks

1. Per your request, we have prepared the attached memorandum analyzing recent blips on the political radar and assessing the risks of the North Vietnamese actually breaking off or departing from the Paris talks in the near future. The attached document is an Agency paper which we have not coordinated with our State or DIA colleagues for the following reasons: State (INR) has recently issued its own memo on this subject indicating that its views are in substantial accord with ours. Coordination with DIA, to be perfectly frank, would get a trifle tricky since the drafters of this memorandum have drawn on NODIS traffic that I am not positive DIA has access to. Furthermore, we have kept knowledge of the [redacted] carefully restricted to the members of your ad hoc Vietnam Committee and their respective principals.

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2. I am sending copies of this memo to our other colleagues on the NSC Subcommittee on Vietnam and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to Paris for Phil Habib's perusal.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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